

Give Us Laughter Unexpected

A Hymn of Thanks for Laughter

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Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Meter: 8.7.8.7. D

Music: Ludwig Van Beethoven, 1824

Piano

1. Give us laugh - ter un - ex - spect - ed, mirth that mo - thers us to health;
2. Though our grief can be so heav - y, bur - dens break our brit - tle bones,
3. When we think cre - a - tion's o - ver, when we think there is no more,
4. Blessed are you who weep with sor - row; soon the laugh - ter comes to save.

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bubb - ling up from deep with - in us, end - less source of wond - rous wealth.
there ex - ists a salve that soft - ens hurt a - mid the mourn - ful moans.
lead us to re - think our lo - gic, help our joy - ous song re - store.
God, our joy - ful source of mer - cy, rais - es you up from the grave.

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May our tears flow o'er our cheek - bones, not of sor - row but of mirth;
Laugh - ter char - ges not a co - pay, needs no cre - dit to ob - tain.
There's a cheer - ful balm that saves us from the sor - row and the sting.
Nev - er cease to loose your chuck - les, laugh out loud and let it fly!

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free - ly flow - ing sill - y gig - gles, ones that mend this bro - ken earth.
All may ga - ther at the fount - ain, for a mo - ment, heal the pain.
Laugh - ter is the gift with - in us, sprout - ing up from joy - ous spring!
Hold your - self in ho - ly hu - mor, share God's joy in strong sup - ply!